

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1497**

February 23, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits a law enforcement officer from being a member of a hate group or terrorist organization. Specifies that membership in a hate group or terrorist organization is sufficient grounds for termination of a law enforcement officer.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 38-8-106(8), any person employed as a full-time police officer, and any person employed or utilized as a part-time, temporary, reserve or auxiliary police officer or as a special deputy is required to have a good moral character as determined by a thorough investigation conducted by the employing agency.
- Per the language of this legislation, a hate group is an organization whose primary purpose is to promote animosity, hostility, and malice against a person or persons, or against the property of a person or persons, because of race, religion, disability, ethnicity, or national origin.
- There will not be a substantial effect to current or future law enforcement staffing as a result of this legislation; therefore, there will not be a significant impact to state or local expenditures.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic".

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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